

REMARKS

The present amendment is in response to the Office action dated August 10, 2005, where the Examiner has rejected claims 1-19 and allowed claims 20-21. By the present amendment, claims 1, 5, 9, 15, and 18 have been amended. Accordingly, claims 1-21 remain in the present application. A notice of allowance directed to remaining claims 1-21 in view of the amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

A. Allowed Claims

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowance of claims 20 and 21.

B. Rejection of Claims Under 35 USC §102

In the Office Action, claims 1-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Publication No. 2005/0079863 ("Macaluso") in view of U.S. Publication No. 2004/0229644 ("Heie").

1. Macaluso

Initially, Applicant notes that Macaluso is not prior art with respect to the present application. The filing date for Macaluso is October 8, 2003 while the filing date of the present application is September 18, 2003. Accordingly, Macaluso does not qualify as prior art and the combination of Macaluso and Heie fail to disclose each and every element of the pending claims. Applicant therefore respectfully requests allowance of all pending claims.

2. Heie

Turning to Heie, this reference does not fairly teach the claimed aspects of the invention. The Heie reference is directed toward a method for changing phone number information in an electronic phone book. The disclosure in Heie teaches how the entries in an electronic phonebook may be updated, en masse, when an area code is changed by the phone company. According to Heie, when the phone company updates all telephone numbers with certain area codes and certain prefixes to a new area code, the device managing the electronic phonebook can automatically update the appropriate entries. For example, the method taught by Heie could be used to update an electronic phone book so that all phone numbers with the (619) area code and the 555 prefix are modified to have a new area code of (760). (see Heie, paragraph 20).

Importantly, Heie does not teach that the area code of the device managing the electronic phonebook can be changed, as required by the claimed invention. Instead, Heie only teaches that the entries in an electronic phonebook are updated. There is a significant difference between the area code of the wireless communication device itself and the entries in an electronic phonebook stored on the wireless communication device. As explained in paragraph 35 of the present application, the area code and telephone number combination uniquely identifies the wireless communication device on a wireless communication network.

Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 5, 9, 15, and 18 to clarify this aspect of the invention and distinguish Heie, which does not teach or disclose that the area code of the wireless communication device itself is updated and also does not

teach or disclose that the area code comprises a portion of a unique identifier for the wireless communication device on a wireless communication network.

Accordingly, Applicant asserts that all presently pending claims are currently in condition for allowance and a notice of allowance for claims 1-21 is respectfully requested.

C. Conclusion

For all the foregoing reasons, an early allowance of claims 1-21 pending in the present application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted;

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